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In Brief

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The Situation

Areas of Pakistan continue to be deluged by heavy monsoon rains, causing deaths, landslides and damage to housing and crops. North West Frontier Province (NWFP) is bearing the brunt of the latest downpours with 24 deaths reported in the past 48 hours in the districts of Batagram and Mansehra. In the last two weeks, over 70 people across the country have died as a result of floods and landslides. At the southern end of Pakistan, low-lying coastal areas in the province of Sindh are suffering flooding. Large areas of crops ready for harvest have been damaged or destroyed.



Temporary shelters still being used by quake victims in Balakot have been deluged by the flooding.

The Pakistan government has deployed the army for rescue and relief operations, and for clearing the numerous landslides.

Heavy rain is forecast for northern areas for the next two days, while continuous rain is expected for the next week. There are numerous landslides which are hampering rescue and relief efforts.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reports that over 6000 quake survivors have been moved from 23 villages in areas threatened by landslides. UNHCR estimates up to 20,000 people may seek refuge in camps as a result of the flooding.

In recent developments;

- The town of Balakot in Mansehra district and surrounding areas is suffering serious flooding with four deaths confirmed and eight people missing. Balakot is still recovering from the 8 October 2005 earthquake which destroyed most of the town. The damage was so extensive the government plans to relocate the entire town. A four-member Pakistan Red Crescent assessment team has reported that there are ten landslides on approaches to Balakot. The team observed 17 villages in three union councils in the area are badly affected with 300-400 families in need of emergency assistance. Large areas of the town are under water and shelters have been washed away. A bridge connecting the town with two union councils has been washed out.
- Ten people died in the village of Dadar approximately 27 kilometers from Mansehra town when a landslide hit a tent village of quake survivors on Thursday morning.
- Five people died including four children when a landslide hit shelters of quake victims in a remote village in the Allai Valley.
- The centre of Rawalpindi city is flooded. The Nullah Leh stream which flows through the city is flowing at five metres, just a meter below the danger mark.



The road between Mansehra to Balakot blocked by one of the numerous landslides.

Coordination

The Pakistan Red Crescent/Federation is in constant contact with the government District Coordination Officer of Mansehra, feeding in assessment reports and coordinating relief needs. Coordination is being maintained with UNHCR and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and other relief/humanitarian actors.

The Pakistan Red Crescent national headquarters is liaising with all branches in affected areas, receiving assessment reports and coordinating relief supplies. Close contact is being maintained with various government agencies.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action



Pakistan Red Crescent national headquarters has placed six ambulances on high alert to respond to needs.

jerry cans, kitchen sets and water purification tablets.

The Pakistan Red Crescent/Federation is attempting to transport a truckload of 100 tents and 200 hygiene kits from Mansehra to Balakot today. However the road is currently closed due to landslides. A distribution of 50 tents was attempted yesterday for affected families in the village of Kai. However conditions meant that the truck could not get through.

The Pakistan Red Crescent/Federation has already supplied 150 tents for the UN-run Jaba relief camp which has been established for flood victims. It plans to provide a further 150 tents and 300 hygiene kits.

The North West Frontier Province branch in Peshawar has been providing relief for 300 families in Charsadda district including food packs, tarpaulins,

The two Pakistan Red Crescent/Federation mobile health teams which have been operating in and around Balakot are on standby. Discussions are ongoing with the government District Coordination Officer about what the needs

are and whether medicines as well as personnel are required. The French Red Cross medical facility in Batagram is also on alert to deal with casualties.

The Pakistan Red Crescent has to date had assessment teams in Chasadda, Gul Dheri, Balakot and the Sachhan Kalan union council in Siran Valley. The National Society has been active in mobilising people in the Siran Valley to move to safer ground.

In Pakistan-administered Kashmir, the Pakistan Red Crescent has established an emergency response team. Last week the branch responded to the landslide which killed 12 people at Cheela Bandi, providing 50 tents, blankets and food.

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- *Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.*
- *Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
- *Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*
- *Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.*

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